

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Caroline Heiligenmann et al
Application Number: 10/583,502
Filing Date: 02/27/2007
Group Art Unit: 1792
Examiner: Stephen K. Ko
Title: DISHWASHER USING OZONE

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Response to Election/Restriction Requirement

Dear Sir:

This paper responds to the Election/Restriction Requirement dated September 28, 2009 and is filed within the one-month response time. Please charge or credit Deposit Account No. 502786 for any deficiency or overpayment.

Applicants elect Group I, including Claims 21 - 30 and 40, with traverse, and respectfully request reconsideration of the Restriction Requirement.

Applicants respectfully submit that the Election/Restriction Requirement should be withdrawn because of a lack of a serious burden. All of the claims in the present application are sufficiently related that searching and examining of all claims does not present a serious burden to the Examiner. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this Election/Restriction Requirement.

Should the Election/Restriction Requirement be maintained and all of the elected claims are found to be in condition for allowance, Applicants respectfully request rejoinder and allowance of all the claims under M.P.E.P. § 821.04.

If the Examiner has any questions regarding this response, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned. If an extension of time for this paper is required, petition for extension is herewith made

Respectfully submitted

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